

**SHREWSBURY'S ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT  
&  
SHREWSBURY'S COMMUNITY CABLEVISION**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**September 8, 2003 – 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: S. DAVIS  
C. JEFFERSON, Jr., Chairman  
R. LUTZ  
P. LYONS-GALLO  
A. TRIPPI**

**ABSENT: NONE**

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT: T. JOSIE  
F. PAIKA  
W. CULLEN  
T. DESILETS  
R. BACON – MMWEC (Part-time)  
J. BOUDREAU – MMWEC (Part-time)**

**1. Stranded Investment Update**

Recently, the Light Commission asked that the following items regarding Stranded Investment be discussed,

- What is the present status of the Stranded Investment?
- What is the future?
- What is the likelihood that the money is needed?
- What are the risks?

In response to the Commission's request, R. Bacon and J. Boudreau presented MMWEC's "Overview of Power Supply Competitiveness."

## **2. Approve Bill Schedules**

The bill schedules were reviewed and approved as presented.

## **3. Cash Statements - July**

### **A. Light**

The Light Commission reviewed the July Cash Statements for Light.

After a brief discussion, the cash statements were accepted as presented.

### **B. CATV**

The Light Commission reviewed the July Cash Statements for CATV.

After a brief discussion, the cash statements were accepted as presented.

## **4. Financial Statements - July**

### **A. Light**

The Light Commission reviewed the July Financial Statements for Light.

After a brief discussion, the Light Commission accepted the July Financial Statements for Light were accepted as presented.

### **B. CATV**

The Light Commission reviewed the July Financial Statements for CATV.

After a brief discussion, the July Financial Statements for CATV were accepted as presented.

## **5. Minutes – Light Commission Meeting – August 4, 2003**

*A motion:*

*To approve the minutes of the August 4, 2003 Light Commission meeting was made by R. Lutz and seconded by A. Trippi.*

*After a brief discussion, the motion was voted unanimously to accept the minutes with additional information to Item 4 - Page 2.*

## **6. Election of Officers**

*A motion:*

*Continue the appointment of Clifford T. Jefferson, Jr. as Chairman of the Electric Light Commission for 2003-2004 was made by R. Lutz and seconded by S. Davis.*

*After no further discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.*

*A motion:*

*Appoint Anthony Trippi as Clerk of the Electric Light Commission for 2003-2004 was made by R. Lutz and seconded by S. Davis.*

*After no further discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.*

## **7. Service Options to promote Digital Penetration**

To increase the penetration of Digital cable converters in advance of launching the new VOD and SVOD services, T. Josie reported that he reviewed the following three options,

1. Take all pay service off of Analog. Put all subscribers, including existing customers on to Digital in order to receive pay services. This policy is consistent with industry policy.
2. Grandfather the existing customers only. All new customers must buy Digital if they want to purchase a pay service.
3. Keep the existing policy of selling pay services and PPV on both Analog and Digital.

It is the General Manager's recommendation that the Light Commission vote to accept the changes in policy as stated in Option 2.

After further discussion,

*A motion:*

*To accept the recommendation of the General Manager – "Grandfather the existing customers only. All new customers must buy Digital if they want to purchase a pay service" was made by A. Trippi and seconded by P. Lyons-Gallo.*

*After no further discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.*

## **8. CATV Services to Princeton Light Department**

T. Josie reported that discussions have continued with Princeton Light for years regarding SCC servicing the cable community of Princeton and this may be an opportunity to grow SCC's system and provide additional revenue with no capital investment for SCC.

SCC is restricted whereby it cannot own facilities/plant outside of its service territory however service may be provided outside of the SCC territory.

After further discussion, the Light Commission agreed that the General Manager investigate the venture further in an effort to gather more information before moving ahead with a decision.

## **9. Request for Approval – Out of State Travel**

In accordance with SELP/SCC policy, the General Manager requested approval from the Light Commission to attend APPA's Legal Seminar in Naples, Florida October 26-29, 2003.

After a brief discussion, the Light Commission approved the request as submitted.

## **10. Operating Brief**

- Town Center Project

T. Josie reported that the contractor for the *Town Center Improvement Project* was installing conduit for use by SCC.

## **11. Company Name Change**

C. Jefferson commented that the delay in the project is noted and accepted however the Light Commission expects that the project will go forward.

The next Light Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2003, at 7:00PM.

*A motion,*

*To adjourn the meeting was made by R. Lutz and seconded by A. Trippi.*

*After no further discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Anthony M. Trippi, Clerk  
Shrewsbury's Light Commission